## MOTION

## 10. Pre-Paid Parking Program

At the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, Vancouver City Council referred the motion below to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on December 18, 2013, to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Louie SECONDED by Mayor Robertson

## WHEREAS

- 1. The holiday season is currently underway and many citizens are celebrating in our city with co-workers, friends and family;
- 2. The City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Police Department encourages those celebrating to always drink responsibly and to not drink and drive;
- 3. Current parking regulations do not allow parking to be prepaid for a subsequent morning;
- 4. In April 2011 the City of Seattle as part of their Nightlife and road safety program introduced a Pre-Paid Parking Program that allows drivers to pay for street parking in the morning starting at 10 pm so drivers can give themselves a little more time to get home safely and retrieve their vehicles the next day;
- 5. The Seattle program has increased from about 600 instances of use in the first month to an average of over 2500 pre-paid uses every month in 2012;
- 6. The use of technology in the metered parking system, such as mobile apps, pay-by-phone, and new digital meters adds to the ease of implementation with limited up-front costs;
- 7. This will create an incentive for people who have consumed more alcohol than expected to take a safe option to return home by leaving their car behind;
- 8. The Vancouver Chief of Police and the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association have indicated their support for a Pre-Paid Parking Program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to immediately implement a Pre-Paid Parking Program.

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